

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
July 1, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Jack Young called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Jack Young
Marian Russell
Maxine Smith
Gordon Chilson
Larry Barnes
Brad Hackett - absent
Ron Gontarz

Mayor:

Diana Barnes

Secretary:

Judy Woythal

Visitors:

Marty Burrows	Walt Beach	Corey Mosher
Bev & Bill Shoup	Howard Frank Six	Rebecca Hazen (Wellsboro gazette)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2013 meeting, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Frank Six commented that there is speeding traffic on Friday and Saturday evenings on Main Street. He also commented that the ball field needs trimming. The Council asked the secretary to contact Mike Barton again to clean up the issues at the ball field so it can be mowed and trimmed properly. The Borough will take action if the issues are not completed within 30 days.

Fire Department – catch basins-grates – Jack Young stated that Brad Hackett had asked if the Council would sell one of the used catch basins/grates to the Fire Department. The Fire Department is planning to put drainage in their parking lot. Gordon Chilson suggested to give a catch basin/grate to the Fire Department and to have Brad get a hold of him.

COMMUNICATIONS – Maxine Smith asked to review the letter from Army Corp of Engineers regarding Cowanesque Lake Water Supply Releases.

TREASURER’S REPORT- Ron Gontarz made a Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Marian Russell. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS-Larry Barnes made a Motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 13,445.35, plus the Custom Building \$ 5,039 pavilion invoice (based on inspection approval), seconded by Ron Gontarz. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT-Mayor Diana Barnes reported that at the Tioga Borough Association meeting on June 27, 2013, Certificates of Appreciation (regarding a domestic incident in the Borough) were presented to Lawrenceville Borough Police Chief Corey Mosher, Lawrence Township Police Chief Scott Shutt and Blossburg Police Officer Robert Scott. The Mayor stated that Williamson School received grants for free lunch. Area churches will be serving free lunch from 11:30 to 12:30 to children 18 years of age and under, 5 days a week for a few weeks.

POLICE REPORT – Police Chief Corey Mosher read the police report. All the Police radios will be reprogrammed to be on the right radio frequency.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Library –

B. Enforcement/Zoning Officer- No report.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes –The Council reviewed the information received from Tim Steed, Hunt Engineers regarding the Flood Mitigation Grant information. The Council agreed to apply for the Flood Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$ 378,139.00 to be used for: Box Culvert Joint Separation Repair, 42 inch Concrete Culvert Separation Repair, levee certification, and Bur Oak Tree Mitigation Plan. A 15% match of the total project cost is required. Maxine Smith made a Motion to adopt Resolution # 361(requesting a Flood Mitigation Grant of \$ 378,139.00), seconded by Ron Gontarz. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

James Street Project-A.L. Blades submitted a change order in the amount of \$ 13,300.00 for extra work completed. Larry Barnes made a Motion to approve the change order for \$ 13,300.00 for extra work, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea.

D. Personnel and Appointment –

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Deats monument-The monument was ordered from Kenyon Memorials in the amount of \$ 1,490. The Council discussed paying for the total cost and what expense account to use. Maxine Smith made a Motion to pay the total and to use park expense account #452.06, seconded by Marian Russell. A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members present voting yea. The Borough will be responsible for pouring a concrete footer for the monument.

Recodification-Updating of Zoning Map and comprehensive plan–The planning commission is working on this.

TARM agreement – We are waiting for a response from Attorney Luschas on the final agreement.

Non-Profit Corporation-Lisa Guthrie's office comments are that a separate set of bookkeeping is required (estimated cost of \$ 2,400 a year) and tax forms will be required. They will research why we would need the non-profit corporation.

Reminder-Jeff Kyle from DGK insurance will be at the Borough Office at 2:00 pm on July 11, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS:

Melvin Davis Park Project- The pavilion is being constructed and will be completed in August.

Municipal Trees – Maxine Smith stated that she, Ron Gontarz and Bill Dincher met with Steve Hoover, Tioga County Service Forester, regarding Municipal trees. Lawrenceville Borough was a testing ground years ago for trees that would not interfere with power lines. Steve recommended to do maintenance on the current trees and to not plant new ones. He commented that there will be a tree maintenance grant application available this year. A requirement would be to have a tree committee and members would need to go to training.

Cindering/Clean Up Day – Due to the death of Dennis Deats, Donald Deats and Son will not be doing cindering this winter. There are a couple of loads of cinders that are stored at Deats. This fall we will need to advertise for cindering bids. A backhoe will be needed for Clean Up day in September.

Maxine Smith commented on the flower pots at the traffic lights and the Welcome to Lawrenceville Signs needing flowers. Maxine offered to pick up flowers and plant them. She will also contact the Businesses to see if they would keep the flowers watered.

Maxine Smith reported that some repairs to the soffit and fascia are needed on the Borough Office Building. The Building Committee will contact Tim Short (Custom Building) to do the repairs and to eliminate the furnace chimney vent that is no longer needed.

Gordon Chilson reported that a tree had fallen at 61 Main Street and there were bags of garbage by the street. The property appears to be abandoned.

Marian Russell made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM, seconded by Ron Gontarz.

Minutes reported and printed by Judy Woythal, Secretary.